

## O'BRIEN OBSTRUCTS PROBE OF OFFICIALS

To Take Meyer Committee to Court to Test Power in Secret Sessions.

## EXAMINATION HALTED

Corporation Counsel Tells Witness Not to Testify at Hearing.

## RECORDS ARE REFUSED

Insists That All Papers Will Be Withheld of 'Star Chamber' Plan Is Continued.

Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien yesterday dropped a monkey wrench into the Meyer investigating machine when he questioned the right of Senator Meyer, or anybody else, to issue subpoenas for documents or examine officials of the city administration in the absence of the other members of the committee. Mr. O'Brien said last night he would oblige the committee to go to court to enforce the right to hold what he termed "star chamber proceedings."

Senator Meyer was just finishing an examination of Lloyd Crabtree, clerk in the Police Department, in the headquarters of the committee, 38 Park Row, yesterday afternoon when in walked Deputy Police Commissioner Leach with the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Leach had been served with a subpoena duces tecum but he did not produce the records called for.

Mr. O'Brien directed Mr. Crabtree not to testify further. Leonard M. Wallstein, associate counsel, said it would be ridiculous to hold all examinations in public or to furnish a copy of all the evidence to the Corporation Counsel. Advance information, he said, would be had by persons who would be able to prepare for investigation.

Further argument on the point was postponed until today at 2:30 P. M., and the Corporation Counsel asked for a transcript of the testimony taken from Crabtree. He did not get it.

Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson, as a committee of one, began an investigation of Borough President Connolly, last week, but it was halted for lack of certain documents. Mr. Connolly said last night he would place all his records at the disposal of the committee, but would insist upon all testimony being taken in public.

Mr. O'Brien issued a statement saying the Mayor would gladly place in their hands all records wanted by the committee, but added:

"We shall insist, however, that the meetings of the committee at which testimony is taken be open to the public and that there be upon any subpoena taking testimony a representative of the minority in the State Legislature."

The Meyer committee may punish a recalcitrant witness or contempt of the mandate of the Legislature or may ask for a court order and have a witness punished for contempt of court if he fails to obey such an order. Mr. O'Brien, acting under Mayor Hylan's orders, is seeking to discover other stumbling blocks to place in the path of Senator Meyer's investigation.

The Corporation Counsel refused yesterday to the report of Marylyn Scudder, accountant, working on city contracts under the direction of Meier Steinbrink, counsel selected by the minority members of the Board of Estimate. Mr. Scudder is quoted as saying in his report:

"In connection with all this work, which we have attended to assiduously, we would say that we have not been hampered in the report by any city department. It is only fair to say that in all this inquiry we have found no irregularities that in any way reflected upon His Honor, the Mayor."

Spencer Phenix, who has just completed some work for the United States Chamber of Commerce, has been added to the accounting staff of the Meyer committee.

## TELLS IN VERSE SHE IS NOT DOROTHY ARNOLD

Missing Wife of Ingraham Also Flays Him.

Mrs. Dorothy Marshall Ingraham of Durham, Conn., isn't the missing Dorothy Arnold. She says so herself. What she thinks of her husband, Leon Ingraham, and the report that he has been spreading about her is expressed in a letter received by the New Haven Journal-Courier. Here is the letter:

"Gentlemen:—Having read a few articles in your paper regarding Leon Ingraham of Durham, Conn., and his misrepresentations in my behalf, I am enclosing you a separate letter a few poetic verses expressing my thoughts in this matter. First off, I wish to have it plainly understood that I never claimed to be Dorothy Arnold. Whether the man was playing for a reward or thinking that he would easily find me at some one else's expense, I don't know.

He does not even know my real name. It would take too long a letter to write just what I will say if he feels he has any legal claim against me. Yours truly,

"THE FORGOTTEN MISTRESS OF DUCK FARM."

Just simply want the world to know, that I am not his wife, and I can tell a good deal more, if this case goes to court.

Mrs. Ingraham has been missing from Duck Farm since the report circulated. The letter was mailed in New York.

INVESTIGATES STORING OF CONTESTED BALLOTS

Lewis Pays Visit to Two Police Station Houses.

District Attorney Lewis, who is investigating charges of fraud which arose during the recount of the ballots cast for Abraham L. Katlin, Republican, and Daniel J. Carroll, Democrat, in the Eleventh Senatorial district, Brooklyn, made a trip of inspection yesterday to the Bedford Avenue and Adams Street station houses. The ballots were stored in the station houses from Election Day until removed recently to the Board of Elections in the Municipal Building for the recount. It is charged that more than 700 ballots have been tampered with since election time, although they are supposed to be kept under seal.

The Senatorial Committee on Elections and Privileges which made the recount, has practically decided in favor of Katlin, who was elected on the original returns. The recount was demanded by Ex-Senator Carroll. Indictments are expected.

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## 1,000 SURROUND BURGLAR SOUGHT IN DARK HOUSE

Detectives With Drawn Revolvers Chase Elusive Intruder Around Great Old Fashioned Mansion and Finally Bag an Eleven Year Old Boy.

A crowd of 1,000 persons, many armed with clubs and baseball bats, gathered in front of the unoccupied old fashioned dwelling at 253 Lenox avenue last night and witnessed one of the most thrilling burglar captures yet recorded by the Police Department. The prisoner, Irving Roth, of 62 East 103rd street, was arrested after a search of almost an hour, during which he moved about unseen in the darkness of the big wide halls and finally hid himself at the top of a ladder leading from a closet on the top floor to the roof.

All the detectives and policemen available in the West 23rd street police station were rushed to the Lenox avenue house, one of the oldest in Harlem, at 7 o'clock. A civilian, who had noticed a window open on the second floor, stood gazing into a front room until he saw some one moving about. Then, knowing that the old mansion is practically a museum of old furniture worth thousands of dollars, he called Police Headquarters.

Detective Tom Donohue and Bill Leach, along with Policeman Dunn, were in advance of the others when the house was reached. They rushed up the stoop, ordered back the 500 persons then crowded around the front yard, and tried to force the front door. It resisted them and they resorted to entrance by the open window. Donohue went in first, revolver ready to shoot, and Dunn followed. Leach and the others surrounded the house at the rear and sides and made

## WOMAN LEAPS FOUR STORIES TO DEATH

Despondent Over Recent Attempt of Sister to Commit Suicide.

When Mrs. Eugene Speiser of 419 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, called yesterday afternoon to see her friend, Miss Josephine Halsted, at 21 St. James place, she found her lying dead in the back yard, her body badly crushed by a fall of four stories from the roof of her home. The police reported her death as suicide.

The police expressed the belief that Miss Halsted had taken her life to end her distress over an attempt of her sister, Miss Anna Halsted, to commit suicide a little more than a month ago. On the night of April 8 Miss Anna Halsted was discovered by pedestrians as she came from the entrance of the First Methodist Church, Clark and Henry streets, Brooklyn, with blood streaming from her wrists and throat. She was hurried to Long Island College Hospital, where her life was saved. The police found a razor in the church entrance, which they believed Miss Anna Halsted used.

Miss Anna Halsted was discharged from the hospital, but friends and relatives refused yesterday to reveal her whereabouts or the present state of her health, nor would they discuss the death of their sister.

Both women lived at the St. James place address with their mother, Mrs. David Halsted, widow of a lumber merchant of Brooklyn, who left a large estate.

The Halsted family has lived in Brooklyn for many years and has been prominently identified with the city's material and real estate business. A third sister is the wife of Charles F. Noyes of the real estate and brokerage firm of Charles F. Noyes & Co., of 118 William street, Manhattan.

William Halsted was 68 years old. Anna is 54. Mrs. Speiser called at the Halsted home about 5 o'clock. When she entered she discovered the aged mother of the sister sitting alone in the parlor, but did not see Josephine. She called the missing sister, and when she received no answer she became alarmed, knowing her to have been in a dangerously ill condition for some time. Mrs. Speiser made a hurried search of the house and then rushed into the courtyard, where she found Miss Halsted's body.

She summoned Dr. James A. Sommers of 96 Greene avenue, who said that death had been instantaneous. The report of Patrolman Charles Hagen on the Clason avenue station house blotter states that the body was found in the courtyard and was temporarily deranged at the time of her act.

## PERMANENT TOWERS FOR AVENUE FAVORED

Extension of Traffic Control System Proposed.

The committee on finance and budget of the Board of Estimate voted yesterday to recommend favorably to the board the proposal of the Fifth Avenue Association to present to the city a set of traffic towers and a system of permanent towers now in operation. It is expected the new towers will cost about \$60,000.

John H. Harris, Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of traffic, said he had taken up with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company the question of regulation of east and west traffic by the erection of signal lights on the elevated structures of Sixth and Ninth avenues, and with the Grand Central people the matter of placing a light on the station building for the control of traffic on Park and Fourth avenues.

Commissioner Harris said that insurance companies report a reduction of \$1,000,000 in small accident indemnities as a result of the sixteen months of service of the Fifth Avenue system.

## TRANSIT COMMISSION ANSWERS SUIT OF CITY

Say Papers Referred to Are Already in Their Control.

The answer of George McAneny, Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan and Lettice T. Harkness, Transit Commissioners, which was published two weeks ago, to the action brought by the city to restrain them from taking possession of books and papers relative to the control of transit in the city and to restrain them from taking physical possession of the various transit lines, was filed formally yesterday. The Commissioners deny that they are "about to and will" assume control of the various books and papers referred to, inasmuch as those books and papers are already in their control.

"They deny also that they will 'take physical possession' of the rapid transit lines constructed and operated under contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4. Their answer denies that the right to construct, maintain and operate any of the lines referred to was derived from the plaintiff, or that the plaintiff's right to grant franchises is a property right."

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## PLANT REVELATIONS STIR ALL NASSAU

County Office Holders Uneasy as Hint of Indictment Is Whispered.

## WEEKS RECEIVES DATA

Former County Detective, Resenting Desertion, Bares All He Knows.

## VENIREMAN FINED \$25

Justice Cropsey Censures County Jury System and the Sheriff.

The various officeholders of Nassau county who began to lose weight and sleep last week when Carman Plant, formerly county detective, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with bribery and neglect of duty after having been tried on the indictment twice, passed into the acute stage of agitation yesterday when Plant went before District Attorney Charles R. Weeks and informed him fully concerning certain matters upon which Mr. Weeks has desired accurate data for more than a year.

As a result of what Plant set forth it is expected that indictments will be found to-day, and that certain county officeholders who have imagined that the wind of investigation had blown over them permanently will learn in due time that they should have thought of Plant. It used to be the custom in the county, when gambling and other illegalities were functioning undisturbed, for those on the inside to take Plant part way into their confidence, but never all the way in. The reasons for this were that Plant was merely county detective had not reached full blown county dignity, and that he is naturally a sociable person, with the failing of talking too much and to too many.

Plant Resents Desertion. It was assumed by the strategists that since he possessed only half-information he was not formidable. Plant gave the answer to this himself yesterday when he said to Mr. Weeks:

"These people seemed to think that if they didn't tell me things I wouldn't know them. How do people get that way?"

Plant ceased to be county detective last autumn when it developed that automobile thieves had been operating in the county and that he had not stood in their way. He was indicted on charges of having received bribes to permit the bandits to work and of having been concerned in the sale of at least one automobile which he knew to have been stolen. When he was indicted there was a vague notion that he never would come to trial, that he would "beat the case" somehow, or that on his trial day the right witnesses would fail to appear against him. When he was tried twice and his jury disagreed each time it seemed as if the county system was working to admiration. Then one of the witnesses who had come forward for him on a vital point confessed suddenly that he had lied and Plant changed his plea to guilty. Another county official, Aubrey Pettit, who was superintendent of public buildings, and who himself was on trial in connection with stolen automobiles, pleaded guilty also.

They spent until yesterday in jail and then saw Mr. Weeks. The Grand Jury will hear this morning the vital part of what they have to say, and persons whose names are likely to be named will learn in due course that one of the moving reasons why Plant talked so much yesterday was that he felt he had been deserted by men who, according to county custom, he was supposed to have come to the front for him and didn't.

Jury System Censured. Supreme Court Justice James C. Cropsey, who will receive the indictments which the Grand Jury will find to-day, spoke his mind concerning the jury system in the county yesterday, when various veniremen who had been summoned for duty failed to appear or came late with excuses. One of them, Edward A. Morgan, of Port Washington, was fined \$25 because he was summoned to appear on May 3 and didn't arrive until yesterday. When the court asked Morgan what had kept him away, Morgan replied that he had called upon a local politician as soon as he received his jury notice, and the politician had told him that he might erase the notice from his mind as he, the politician, would arrange for his release.

John Roth, summoned for Grand Jury duty, and John C. Wagner, a trial talem, have been notified that they must be in court to-day without fail. Justice Cropsey was unable to find yesterday that they had any excuse for being away.

In going over jury lists yesterday he sent for Sheriff Charles W. Smith, and the Sheriff's first deputy appeared instantly.

"Where is the Sheriff?" inquired the court. "I have sent for him three different times, but he is never around. Where he come here at all except on pay day?"

Passing years What is more thoughtful as the years come and go than to fittingly remember our dear ones who have passed on?

## In Memoriam

Notices in The New York Herald offer mute testimony of the thoughtfulness of those still here.

These notices may be telephoned during the day to

Chelsea 4000 After 10 P. M., telephone Worth 1000.

THE NEW YORK HERALD

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[Signed]

May 17, 1921.

The London Shop For Men

A new shipment of imported golf suits has arrived, with well-cut long trousers, the proper thing to wear in transit between the city and the links.

Burlington Arcade Floor, New Building.

New LILLIAN Corsets

have arrived from Paris

Especially interesting is one of the summer models developed in three lovely light materials, cool in warm weather. Very low top. Long hips. Lightly but skilfully boned. Charmingly finished with lace or hand work.

In pink silk figured batiste, \$22.50. In peach bloom, \$35. In delicate pink or yellow silk brocaded grenadine, \$38.50.

Third Floor, Old Building.

Cantagalli Pottery

For the Country House AU QUATRIEME

Each season people are more interested in this exquisitely glazed white Cantagalli Pottery from Italy for their country houses.

Its lovely simple candlesticks and compotes bring freshness and charm to the dining-table, the quality of its whiteness is very decorative in the living-room or any room in the country house.

14-inch candlesticks, modeled in a round column, with ivy leaves in relief twined about, \$7.50 each.

11-inch candlesticks of the same design, \$6 each.

7 1/2-inch candlesticks of the same design, \$4.50 each.

Candlesticks in the form of fluted columns, 14 inches high, \$6 each.

11-inch candlesticks of the same design, \$5 each.

14-inch candlesticks in the form of Corinthian columns, \$9 each.

Tall-stemmed compote with flowered bowl, \$18.

Tall-necked vases with handles, \$18 each.

Large urns, Directoire in-line, \$18 each.

Large centerpieces, consisting of double shells, and small amorini, \$20 each.

Large centerpieces in form of double shells without figures, \$18 each.

Round fluted compotes, small, \$4.50 each.

Large fluted compotes, \$7.50 each.

Boat-shaped center design models with faun's heads, \$12 each.

Horns of Plenty, \$30 each.

Groups of Boys Wrestling, \$30 each.

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39 in. .... \$51.00 41.00

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36 in. .... \$27.25 22.00

36 in. .... \$35.00 28.00

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39 in. .... \$27.25 19.00

39 in. .... \$42.50 34.00

39 in. .... \$36.75 33.00

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The Canall Special, \$50.

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The Super—adapted for large homes, hotels, clubs, etc., \$70.

Cleaning attachments for any of the above, \$12 extra.

The Premier, \$42.50

The New Premier with motor driven brush, \$60.

Cleaning attachments for above, \$10 extra.

The Baby Hoover, \$52.50

The Hoover Special, \$65.

Air attachment, \$15.

Any cleaner you desire will be delivered and demonstrated in your own home.

Payments for purchases may be made under the Wanamaker Club Plan.

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